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1. claims: 1-12, 24, 25

Method, apparatus and program for calculating the schedule of a component mounting process, so that the manufacturing line is balanced.

2. claims: 13-23

Method to monitor the actual process of component mounting, and rectification of the component mounting schedule if necessary.

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